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It is clear from the accounts received by the American mail, that the recent French disasters in Tonquin when Lengson had to be evacuated were the immediate cause of the downfall of M. FRÉRY's Ministry. A sound of the wildest excitement occurred at the opening of the Chamber of Deputies on the 30th March, and it is stated that but for the presence of the troops there is no doubt violence would have ensued in by the mob. It is not remarkable that, under the circumstances, M. FRÉRY's demand for a credit of 40,000,000 francs for military operations should have resulted in an adverse vote and his consequent resignation. M. CLEMENTEUSSEN specially distinguished himself by the fury of his denunciations, but the Chamber generally seem to have been quite unduly excited. But while public indignation waxed fierce and strong against the FRÉRY Ministry, the resolution to retrieve the disasters and correct the blunders ascribed to them was made equally apparent. It was soon decided to send fifty thousand men as reinforcements to China, and ten million francs were voted the day after M. FRÉRY's resignation to supply the needs of war. It was intended to order the evacuation of Formosa, and to inaugurate other measures, the bombardment of Peking being among those mentioned. What effect this exasperation of the French people and their determination to recover their lost prestige in China may have had in the way of inclining the Peking Government to listen to peace proposals it is of course not easy to say; but it is not improbable that the prospect of a more vigorous prosecution of the war by an enraged nation may have had some influence on the negotiations which ended on the 4th April in the signature of the peace protocol. The Chinese Government wisely recognized that an opportunity had arrived when peace could be made with honour and they could reap some advantage by their successes in Tonquin. On his side President GAZIER no doubt saw that the war was unpopular with the French people, and he thought it would be well to conclude a peace which would secure Tonquin to France without further bloodshed. During the clamour in Paris which resulted in the fall of the FRÉRY Ministry the significance of the disaster which had fallen on General NEARNS's force was greatly exaggerated; but when the French nation come to reflect soberly on the matter, and have all the facts of the case before them, they will see that the panic which followed the news of the evacuation of Langson was unwarranted. Count KRAMERADE, French Consul-General to Sino, who is now in France, and who is a great authority on Tonquin, is reported to have said—“I am convinced that we many days shall have reassuring news, which will show the present panic to be absurd and senseless. The colony is well worth great sacrifices. It is rich, people by an industrial race, and has a great future.” This prediction has since been verified. Although the French forces in Tonquin were completely outnumbered they had been able to maintain their position in the delta until the arrival of reinforcements. Nevertheless it is certain that the nation would have been compelled to make great sacrifices to enable them to drive the Chinese permanently out of Tonquin, and hence the regret that may naturally be felt that a more auspicious time for the negotiations was not selected, may be counterbalanced to some extent by the knowledge that further waste of life has been stayed. The Chinese Government on their side have no real cause for censure, as their losses have been vastly heavier than those of the French, and their financial resources were rapidly failing. To China it may be reassuring to learn that the reversal of M. FRÉRY's foreign policy seems likely to be complete, and there is consequently less danger of any serious hitch in the negotiations now proceeding, which the friends of both countries must hope will result in the attainment of a lasting peace.

Rather tall stories are occasionally translated by our Yokohama contemporaries from the Japanese vernacular papers. Here is that latest from the *Yokohama Mainichi*.—The *Yomi Shimbun* reports a hunting expedition in Tamba, Kyoto-ku, during which forty-eight persons, eleven hundred and seventy-six deer and twenty-four wild boars and twenty-three stags were killed, while one hundred persons were wounded. Any doubt that might exist as to which were the hunters and which the hunted—for the figures really do not help one—is removed by the remark that the wild animals—that is to say, the bears and the stags—being driven from their mountain lairs by the heavy snowfall, so destructive to their food-supply, “had to travel far to find food.” The Mainichi remarks that it would set over very many heavy snowfalls, at this rate, to depopulate Kyoto-ku.

We hear that Mr. Justice Akroyd has been appointed Deputy Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong.

The P. and O. steamer *Zephirus*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th ult., for this port.

The Oriental and Oriental steamship *Sao Paulo*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 16th April for Yokohama and this port.

We are requested to intimate that, in the Evening Service at St. John's Cathedral at 5 o'clock, which will also be the hour for evening service throughout the summer months, the *Telegraph* of New York has a special edition for Chinese readers, together with a delegation of Chinese men from San Francisco and China, have arrived at the City of Mexico to treat with the Government for permission to introduce Chinese labourers into the country, making them full-fledged Mexican citizens.

Under the heading of “Hongkong Home Guard,” the American papers have the following—“Hongkong, March 3rd.—The auxiliary volunteer torpedo flotilla has been organized here. Sixty steam launches, all ready for service, will compose the flotilla.” If this were only true! The number of vessels has, however, been multiplied—probably through the wire—and they are all spoken of as being torpedo boats, whereas some of them are only fitted with Galingals.

The field-day to be held at Howlow is, we learn, to come off on Tuesday next. There are to be two forces—one under Major Hamilton, which is to occupy and hold a position; and the other under Colonel Lengson, who will be in command of the troops that can be spared from duty, and also the Volunteers will take part in the manoeuvres. The dispositions are to be completed by 4 p.m., in order that the attack may be commenced at that hour. There will no doubt be a large gathering of the residents to witness the sham fight.

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\$19 per case of 1 dozen quarts.

\$20 per case of 2 dozen pints.

GRAND VIN CHATEAU LEONVILLE.

per case of 1 dozen quarts.

CHARLES LE COQ.

per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PONT CANET.

per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PALMER MARGAUX.

per case of 1 dozen quarts.

LORMONT.

per case of 1 dozen quarts.

AIX.

CUTLER PALMER & Co's.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1884. 1941

INSURANCES.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 or any

one or more than one thousand dollars.

FIRST-CLASS RISK.

RATES ON FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS REDUCED

TO 5 PER CENT. NETT PER ANNUM

FROM THIS DATE.

GIBR, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. 1941

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on

FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at 5 Per Cent. Nett pro

annum.